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ROK GOVERNMENT SOURCE COMMENTS ON CCP STRUGGLE TO CONTROL KOREAN LABOR PARTY

A reliable source in the Republic of Korea government has reported a struggle in North Korea between Kim Il-song and Mu Chong over the control of the Korean Labor Party, as follows:

Kim Il-song's Soviet-style rash reform of North Korea has alienated the farmers from the puppet regime led by the Korean Labor Party. Therefore, to regain the farmers' support of the puppet government, the USSR is reportedly maneuvering to transfer effective control of the Korean Labor Party from Kim to the Chinese Communist Party.

The Chinese Communist Party has, on several occasions, severely criticized the present policies of the Korean Labor Party, and at the same time, has given behind-the-scenes support to Mu Chong and his Yenan and pro-Communist China faction in the Korean Labor Party. Consequently, Mu Chong has gained power recently in the party hegemony and has become a serious menace to Kim Il-song and his Soviet faction which is now in control of the Korean Labor Party.

/Mu Chong is former commanding general of the Second Corps, Korean People's Army. He was relieved from his command after the North Korean retreat in 1950. He received his military training under the Chinese Communists./

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